In the urban areas, as on outcome of the recommendations of the Hashim Committee in its Report to Review and Rationalise Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Poverty Alleviation and Employment Generation, the Swarnu Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) has been launched and NRY PMIUPEP and UBSP (Urban Basic Services for the Poor) have been phased out. The scheme has become operational from 1.12.1997. SJSRY seeks to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or under employed poor through encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures or provision of wage employment.

Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana is being implemented as Central Plan Scheme to provide employment opportunities to educated unemployed youths in both rural and urban areas.

Statement

Number of job-seekers on Live Register of Employment Exchanges as on 31st December, 1995 classified by Educational levels.

(In Thousands)

	Educational Levels		Number
1.	Below 10th Class (including illiterates)		11947.3
2.	10th Class passed		14368.1
3.	10+2 passed		6104.4
4.	Graduates (including Post-Graduates)	TOTAL :	4322.6
	(i) Arts	1763.4	
	(ii) Science	801.8	
	(iii) Commerce	703.5	
	(iv) Engineering	168.1	
	(v) Medicine	31.5	
	(vi) Veterinary	4.3	
	(vii) Agriculture	36.3	
	(viii) Law	14.9	
	(ix) Education	608.0	
	(x) Others	190.9	
	GRAND TOTAL (1+2+3+4)		36742.3

NOTE: Figures may not add up to total due to rounding off.

Indexation of Minimum Wages

694. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of State Governments have not introduced the system of indexation of wages despite direction of Government though many States have accepted the principle of indexation but not regularly updating the minimum wages;

(b) the names of such States showing the movement of wages effected since June, 1990?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) 18 States/Union Territories have linked minimum wages fixed under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 with the Consumer Price Index Number. The increased payment made on account of increase in the Consumer Price Index is known as Variable Dearness Allowance.

A statement showing State-wise position of the States who pay Variable Dearness Allowance alongwith minimum wages and who do not pay, is attached, (*See* below).

Information regarding movement of minimum wages since June, 1990 is not readily available and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Minimum Rates of Wages for the Unskilled Workers in different Statse/Union Territories ADMN

(Compiled on 1.10.98)

S. No.	Name of State Govt./ U.T. Administration	Range of minimum rates of wages & date of last revision	Remarks
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Rs. 16.00 to* Rs. 42.40 p.d. (9.8.96)	Rates vary from employment to employment.
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Rs. 35.60 to Rs. 37.60 p.d. (1.1.98)	Rates vary from employment to employment and are as to areas.
3.	Assam	Rs. 32.80 to* Rs. 49.10 p.d. (1.4.95)	Rates vary from employment to employment.
4.	Bihar	Rs. 38.61 to* Rs. 51.00 p.d. (21.12.95)	Rates vary from employment to employment.
5.	Goa	Rs. 21.00 to Rs. 93.00 p.d. (1.4.97)	Rates vary from employment to employment.
6.	Gujarat	Rs. 34.00 to* Rs. 77.80 p.d. (25.4.97)	Rates vary from employment to employment (according to zones).
7.	Haryana	Rs. 63.51 p.d. to Rs. 67.51 p.d. (1.1.95)	Single rate for all employment. Except agriculture.
8.	Himachal Pradesh	Rs. 26.00 p.d. Rs. 45.75 p.d. (1.3.96)	For Tea Plantation. For all other employments.
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	Rs. 30.00 p.d. (13.3.95)	Single rate for all employment.
10.	Karnataka	Rs. 26.00 to* Rs. 56.50 p.d. (17.12.96)	Rates vary from employment to employment (according to zones).
11.	Kerala	Rs. 100.50 to* Rs. 114.16 p.d. (25.10.96)	Rates vary from employment to employment (according to zones).
12.	Madhya Pradesh	Rs. 26.46 p.d.* Rs. 55.19 p.d. (6.2.97)	Rates vary from employment to employment.
13.	Maharashtra	Rs. 9.25 to Rs. 85.95 p.d. (6.12.96)	Rates vary from employment to employment (according to zones).

S. No.	Name of State Govt./ U.T. Administration	Range of minimum rates of wages & date of last revision	Remarks
14.	Manipur	Rs. 44.65 p.d.* (for plain) Rs. 49.50 p.d. (for Hill areas (8.7.95)	Double rates for all employments one each for hilly areas and plain areas.
15.	Meghalaya	Rs. 35.00 p.d. (1.1.95)	Single rate for all employment.
16.	Mizoram	Rs. 45.00 p.d. (10.7.97)	Single rate for all employment.
17.	Nagaland	Rs. 25.00 p.d. (6.7.92)	Single rate for all employment.
18.	Orissa	Rs. 30.00 p.d.* (15.8.96)	Single rate for all employment.
19.	Punjab	Rs. 58.07 to * Rs. 60.62 p.d. (1.7.95)	Single rate for all employment, except agriculture.
20.	Rajasthan	Rs. 44.00 p.d. (19.11.97)	Single rate for all employment.
21.	Sikkim	Nil	Minimum wages Act, 1948 is yet to be extended and enforced.
22.	Tamil Nadu	Rs. 22.40 to* Rs. 79.00 p.d. (1.4.97)	Rates vary from employment to employment (according to zones).
23.	Tripura	Rs. 17.70 to* Rs. 36.00 p.d. (29.8.96)	Rates vary from employment to employment (according to zones).
24.	Uttar Pradesh	Rs. 42.02 to* Rs. 64.21 p.d. (31.10.96)	Rates vary from employment to employment (according to zones).
25.	West Bengal	Rs. 25.47 to* Rs. 72.00 p.d. (1.1.97)	Rates vary from employment to employment (according to zones).
26.	Andaman & Nicobar	Rs. 37.00 to Rs. 40.00 p.d. (15.8.94)	Rates vary from employment to employment (according to zones).
27.	Chandigarh	Rs. 58.06 p.d. to* Rs. 60.15 p.d. (4.11.95)	Single rate for all employment. Except Agriculture.
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Rs. 35.00 to Rs. 40.00 p.d. (18.5.95)	Rates vary from employment to employment (according to zones).
29.	Daman & Diu	Rs. 40.00 p.d. (24.8.98)	Single rate for all employment.

S. No.	Name of State Govt/ U.T. Administration	Range of minimum rates of wages & date of last revision		Remarks
30.	Delhi	Rs. 74.50 (15.2.94)	p.d.*	Single rate for all employment.
31.	Lakshdweep	Rs. 41.46 (1.1.96)	p.d.	Single rate for all employment.
32.	Pondicherry	Rs. 19.25 to Rs. 40.20 (24.7.95)	p.d.	Rates for agricultural works.
II.	**CENTRAL GOVERNMENT*	Rs. 42.02 to * Rs. 75.40 (12.7.94)	p.d.	Rates vary from employment to employment (according to areas) Except agriculture.

NOTE: 1. * Indicates the provision of Variable Dearness Allowance alongwith minimum rates of wages, for some of the scheduled employments in the State.

2. Figure in bracket under column (2) indicate the date of revision for the last revised scheduled employment.

Welfare Measures for Agricultural Workers

695. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would announce any specific programme of welfare measures for agricultural labourers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to enact any legislation to help agricultural workers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Government propose to enact a comprehensive legislation for agricultural workers to provide for regulation of employment and conditions of service and extend certain welfare measures to them.

महिला श्रमिकों की चिकित्सा जांच

696. **श्रीमती सरोज दुबे:** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार असंगठित महिला श्रमिकों की नियमित चिकित्सा जांच के लिए कोई नयी योजना तैयार करने पर विचार कर रही हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो महिला श्रमिकों को कार्यक्षमता को बनाए रखने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं?

श्रम मंत्री (डा० सत्यनारायण जटिया): (क) से (ग) श्रम मंत्रालय का श्रम कल्याण संगठन पूरे देश में स्थित 12 अस्पताल और 274 औषधालय चला रहा है जहां स्वास्थ्य जांच के लिए मूल चिकित्सा सुविधाएं प्रदान की जाती हैं और कतिपय केन्द्रों में बीड़ी कर्मकारों, गैर-कोयला खान कर्मकारों के कुछ वर्गों, सिने कर्मकारों और उनके परिवारों के लिए विकिरण — चिकित्सा विज्ञान द्वारा जांच और परीक्षण की सुविधाएं हैं। इसमें भारी संख्या में असंगठित क्षेत्र की महिला कर्मकार शामिल हैं। महिला श्रमिक भी परिवार कल्याण विभाग के "प्रजन्न और बाल स्वास्थ्य" कार्यक्रम का एक अभिन्न अंग है। इसके अतिरिक्त वे प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों